

Top scoring trio leads Ducks against WSU

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What do Nancy Berry, Ronnie DellaMotta, and Scottie Johnson represent to the Oregon women's field hockey team, ranked 13th in the nation among major college teams?

The answer: Forwards Berry, DellaMotta, and Johnson represent 65 percent of the team's goals this season. These three players have accounted for 51 of Oregon's 78 goals. This means that it's almost impossible for Oregon to win a game without one of them scoring. In fact, Berry is averaging a goal per game by herself.

The Ducks' offense will have to be at its best Saturday when they go against the Washington State Cougars in Pullman, Wash., in Interdivisional play. The game has a special meaning for both teams. Oregon won the first match of the season 1-0

in September, and the two teams meet for a third time, Nov. 10 at Autzen Stadium, to decide the Region 9 championship. Thus, this game serves as a progress report.

"If we can beat them," says Oregon coach Nancy Plantz, "we'll know we've done it two times in a row and we can do it a third time. It's just a confidence builder if we win."

Berry, a senior from Fremont, Calif., and DellaMotta, a sophomore from Downingtown, Pa., are both returning Duck veterans, and were selected to the U.S. Olympic Committee's "B" Developmental Camp this year.

"I think the offense could be a lot better," said Berry. "We need to be more hungry in the (striking) circle, but it's not bad. If one person has a bad day, there's always someone else to pick up the slack."

"(Being able to play) was a big accomplishment, because I

thought I was going to be a benchwarmer this first year," she said. "When I think about it, I'm proud to be able to play with these players. But when I'm on the field, I feel so inexperienced compared to them because they seem so much better."

Johnson is just a freshman (from Caldwell, Idaho) and didn't expect to play at all this year. But she's been holding her own among them. She and DellaMotta each have 16 goals, while Berry is the team leader with 19. Berry is the outside forward and it is her job to bring the ball down the sideline and "swing it across" to the middle to DellaMotta and Johnson.

"The minute an attack is launched," says DellaMotta, "I start thinking about scoring. I get excited — but I control it."

The Ducks will also play Idaho and Northwest Nazarene during league play in Pullman over the weekend.



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Oregon's field hockey squad will need all the offensive firepower they can muster against Washington State on Saturday in Interdivisional play. Here, junior Andrea Casella leads the Duck attack.

Sports in brief

Runners ranked high in polls

The University's cross country teams continue to occupy top spots in the latest national ratings conducted by Harrier magazine.

The men's squad nosed out defending champion University of Texas at El Paso for this week's top spot in men's poll. The Ducks garnered 198 points, including 8 first place votes, to claim first place. UTEP came in a close second with 192 points, as 2 voters listed them as the top team.

Oregon's women, meanwhile, were selected for the runner-up slot in their poll behind North Carolina State. Oregon claimed 2 first place votes and 83 points, nine points away from the Wolfpack's 6 first places, and 92 points.

Warren tops in 800 meters

University of Oregon freshman Leann Warren has been rated the top prep 800-meter runner in the country for 1979 by Track and Field News magazine.

Warren, a 1979 graduate of Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis, won the National AAU Junior 800 in 2:03.1, the fastest time in the nation this year by a high school girl. The 5-4, 100-pound runner also captured Oregon state high school titles in the 400 and 800 meters last spring.

Warren will compete for the Ducks in the AIAW Region 9 cross country championship this Saturday, Nov. 3, in Spokane, Wash.

Demos to hold Donkey Trot

The Lane County Democratic Party is sponsoring the first annual Donkey Trot this Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Autzen Stadium parking lot. Scheduled starting time for the event is 9:30 a.m.

Two runs, 6 miles and 3 miles, will both be started at the same location, with a Chronomix Electric Timing Device recording exact finishing times for all the competitors.

Entry fee for the run will be \$5.00. Each runner will receive a T-shirt, and awards will be presented to winners in five age groups and five special categories.

Booters blank, 3-0

The men's soccer team downed Lewis and Clark 3-0 on Monday behind central forward Eric Zook's three goals.

Zook, Oregon's leading scorer, has eight goals in 13 games this season. He tallied two goals in the first half and added another in the closing half.

"We played a really good game," noted Oregon coach Chris Hopper. "Our offense was quite penetrating."

Oregon's season record is now 6-6 and their conference record stands at 2-4.

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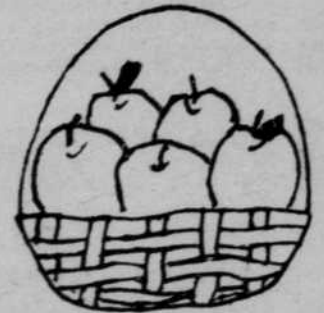
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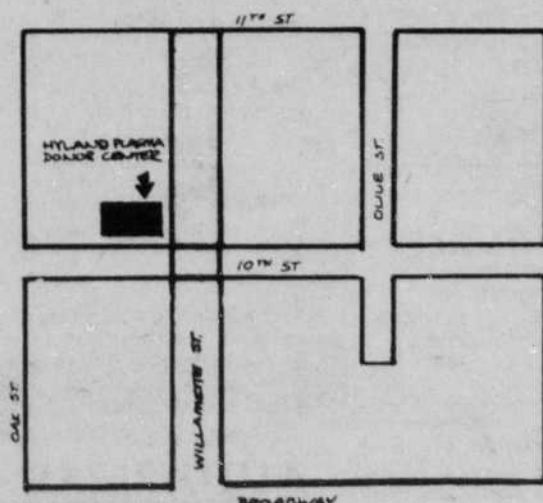
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